

Statement under Article 19 (1)

The original Claim 1 is amended by incorporating the statement "and provided such that the linear member can be bent along a side surface of the aperture leaf on a side of the radiation source or the irradiation field".

The shutter in the cited document, Japanese (unexamined) Patent Application, No. 2002-355242, is driven from behind using the wire 54 secured to the rearward side of the thick portion.

According to the present invention, since the linear member can be bent along the side surface of the aperture leaf on the side of the radiation source or the irradiation field, the linear member can be prevented from buckling when driving the aperture leaf.

The original Claim 20 is amended from a dependent claim into an independent claim, in which the invention in the original Claim 20 is retained unchanged.